

Appendix V – Estimates* of Patients Exceeding Outpatient Therapy Caps

** Estimates are presented as a combination of all outpatient therapies rather than as separate PT, SLP or OT payments. There is currently insufficient information in NCH claims data to identify the type of therapy plan of care (use of GN, GO, or GP modifier) for over \$0.32 billion in Medicare Part B therapy payments in CY 1999 (Appendix R.2.2). Even when payments are assigned to PT, OT, or SLP services by the specialty of the provider billing the services, over \$0.20 billion in payments to physicians and nonphysicians in CY 1999 cannot be attributed to a particular therapy cap (appendix Q-1.2). In other words, since the type of service is not identified on one-third the claim lines submitted, there were over \$ 323 million in 'always therapy' payments that could not be debited from the applicable caps, as they were structured in CY 1999. By CY 2000, that number increased to nearly \$0.5 billion dollars (Appendix R-2.2).*

Note: The \$2,400 and \$1,200 payment levels identified in these tables correlate with \$3,000 and \$1,500 therapy caps respectively as Medicare is responsible for a maximum of 80% of the Medicare allowed charge amount.

Note: Discussion of these tables is located in sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.9 of this report.

V-1.1: Estimated Number of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments Over \$2,400 by Age Group

Above \$2,400 (N)	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total (N)
1998	18,024	17,895	27,665	36,022	40,616	72,528	212,750
1999	8,341	7,832	10,768	10,906	8,494	9,453	55,794
2000	16,413	17,906	24,373	27,026	23,561	31,804	141,083
% Change 98-00	-8.9%	0.1%	-11.9%	-25.0%	-42.0%	-56.1%	-33.7%

V-1.2: Relative Distribution of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments Over \$2,400 by Age Group

Above \$2,400 (%)	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
1998	8.5%	8.4%	13.0%	16.9%	19.1%	34.1%
1999	14.9%	14.0%	19.3%	19.5%	15.2%	16.9%
2000	11.6%	12.7%	17.3%	19.2%	16.7%	22.5%

V-2.1: Estimated Number of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments Over \$1,200 by Age Group

Above \$1,200 (N)	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total (N)
1998	38,982	45,433	66,882	80,455	85,707	149,455	466,914
1999	28,421	34,376	47,510	51,066	42,225	55,793	259,391
2000	45,965	62,335	84,452	89,872	75,368	99,027	457,019
% Change 98-00	17.9%	37.2%	26.3%	11.7%	-12.1%	-33.7%	-2.1%

V-2.2: Relative Distribution of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments Over \$1,200 by Age Group

Above \$1,200 (%)	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
1998	8.3%	9.7%	14.3%	17.2%	18.4%	32.0%
1999	11.0%	13.3%	18.3%	19.7%	16.3%	21.5%
2000	10.1%	13.6%	18.5%	19.7%	16.5%	21.7%

**V-3.1: 1998 Estimated Number of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments
at Selected Increments by Age Group**

1998	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total (N)
\$2,401+	18,024	17,895	27,665	36,022	40,616	72,528	212,750
\$2,001-\$2,400	4,341	5,195	7,699	9,373	9,896	17,749	54,253
\$1,601-\$2,000	6,382	8,199	11,904	13,565	13,981	24,210	78,241
\$1,201-\$1,600	10,235	14,144	19,614	21,495	21,214	34,968	121,670
\$801-\$1,200	19,188	27,638	38,077	39,468	35,276	54,294	213,941
\$401-\$800	54,159	92,537	118,522	111,841	85,170	101,461	563,690
≤ \$400	284,414	420,813	492,668	441,425	315,804	305,432	2,260,556

**V-3.2: 1999 Estimated Number of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments
at Selected Increments by Age Group**

1999	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total (N)
\$2,401+	8,341	7,832	10,768	10,906	8,494	9,453	55,794
\$2,001-\$2,400	3,520	4,117	5,827	6,643	5,634	7,895	33,636
\$1,601-\$2,000	5,557	7,065	9,868	10,981	9,386	12,954	55,811
\$1,201-\$1,600	11,003	15,362	21,047	22,536	18,711	25,491	114,150
\$801-\$1,200	28,287	46,299	60,776	61,364	47,253	58,389	302,368
\$401-\$800	62,259	102,132	131,216	130,222	97,476	113,915	637,220
≤ \$400	284,392	396,050	460,257	430,768	314,291	334,600	2,220,358

**V-3.3: 2000 Estimated Number of Patients With Annual Therapy Payments
at Selected Increments by Age Group**

2000	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	Total (N)
\$2,401+	16,413	17,906	24,373	27,026	23,561	31,804	141,083
\$2,001-\$2,400	5,621	7,824	10,574	11,406	9,742	13,018	58,185
\$1,601-\$2,000	8,751	13,173	17,919	18,863	15,534	20,638	94,878
\$1,201-\$1,600	15,180	23,432	31,586	32,577	26,531	33,567	162,873
\$801-\$1,200	28,970	47,140	61,630	62,608	49,359	59,811	309,518
\$401-\$800	68,289	108,718	138,221	138,112	104,767	117,752	675,859
≤ \$400	280,523	383,110	438,857	411,730	306,581	321,945	2,142,746

**V-3.4: 1998-2000 Percent Change in the Estimated Number of Patients With
Annual Therapy Payments at Selected Increments by Age Group**

1998-2000	≤ 64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	% change pts 98-00
\$2,401+	-8.9%	0.1%	-11.9%	-25.0%	-42.0%	-56.1%	-33.7%
\$2,001-\$2,400	29.5%	50.6%	37.3%	21.7%	-1.6%	-26.7%	7.2%
\$1,601-\$2,000	37.1%	60.7%	50.5%	39.1%	11.1%	-14.8%	21.3%
\$1,201-\$1,600	48.3%	65.7%	61.0%	51.6%	25.1%	-4.0%	33.9%
\$801-\$1,200	51.0%	70.6%	61.9%	58.6%	39.9%	10.2%	44.7%
\$401-\$800	26.1%	17.5%	16.6%	23.5%	23.0%	16.1%	19.9%
≤ \$400	-1.4%	-9.0%	-10.9%	-6.7%	-2.9%	5.4%	-5.2%